

Read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Also, unfavorably on the bill entitled, a further supplement to the act relating to mortgages;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Also, favorably on the bill entitled a supplement to an act passed at December session 1838, relating to sheriffs;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Also, favorably on the bill from the senate entitled, an act to authorise the county court of Allegany county, to ratify and confirm a sale made by Theophilus Beall, constable, to Baptist Mattingly, of certain real estate situate in the town of Cumberland;

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And also, favorably on the bill entitled, an act to define certain powers of the courts of chancery in this State;

Read the first time and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on colored population, to whom was referred the bill entitled, an act to provide for the better regulation of the free negro and mulatto children within Harford county, reported favorably thereon, with the following amendments:

Strike out the words "Harford county" in the title of the bill, and insert "this State."

In the 3d line of the 1st section, strike out the word "district" and insert "magistrates."

Strike out "Harford county" and insert "each county in this State."

In the 8th line of the 1st section, strike out "it" and insert "he, she."

In the 4th line of the 3d section, strike out "the" and insert "his or her."

At the end of the 3d section insert "or at the discretion of the said court, be confined in the Penitentiary house of this State for not more than four years, nor less than twelve months."

In the 2d line of the 5th section, strike out "district" and insert "magistrates."

Add as additional sections:

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of each constable to inform himself of, and to report to the Orphans' court or magistrates' court as aforesaid, the name or names of such child or children within his election district; and upon such report, the said court shall proceed as herein before provided.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of every constable to appear at least twice in every year, before the Orphans' court of the county in which he resides; and it shall be his duty to make oath before such court, that he has faithfully complied with the provisions of this act; and it shall be the duty of the Orphans' court, twice in every year, to make a return of the